

debate would be allowed with the adoption of this rule change, while at the same time hopefully allowing the body to get to meaningful amendments that are being proposed as true efforts to alter and improve the proposal in front of us. So I would urge you to reject this. And if you share the frustration that so many of you have shared with me, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, I would hope that you would reject this reconsideration motion and proceed to vote in favor of proposed rule change number six. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Will. Would like to recognize a guest of the Legislature, and specifically of Senator Schrock. We have with us, from Wilcox, Nebraska, under the south balcony, Su Woollen. Su, could you stand and be recognized, please. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I turned my light on again because Senator Beutler did it once more on the welfare bill last year. And I must speak again. I didn't feel, all through the welfare bill and all the amendments, none of those amendments that I brought were frivolous. I was working with a group of people who felt that the bill needed some refinement, whatever you want to call it, and I didn't...and along with that, Senator Withem, as I said last week when we talked about this, Senator Withem got several of us together who had amendments, to try to figure out which ones were, from our point of view, which one we wanted because we were running out of time, which ones we wanted to talk about. Senator Bohlke worked with us, it was her bill. So, from that point of view I did not...that was not to necessarily harass the bill. There were simply people who didn't feel that the bill was going to come out the way it should to serve the people that were going to be served by LB 455. But the second thing I am going to support the reconsideration motion. Taking this particular thing out might help, but I am concerned that this rule is going to go. I'm going to vote against the rule change, I don't like it. I don't like the idea of one person having that much power here in a group of 49 people. We are a very small group of people. We're not like the states that have two houses, or like Congress that have 500 or 600 people, almost up to 600 people that are involved in all that legislation. So I am not going to vote for the rule itself. I will vote for reconsideration. I will vote for Bernard-Stevens amendment. I think we have to be very careful what we say about each other